Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether it is the idea of this Government that these reconstruction schemes will be launched upon only after the termination of the war ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That will entirely depened upon the nature of the proposals.

Mr. President: May I remind the Hon'ble Member of what I stated yesterday morning. I think I gave sufficient indication as to what the Government proposals are.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Even with that helpful suggestion Sir, as I had the benefit of reading the Diwan President's speech over again may I know whether it is the idea of the Government not to launch upon any of the reconstruction schemes till the termination of the hostilities ?

Mr. President: I may answer that and say that it depends entirely upon how the situation develops. If materials become available at reasonably cheap rates, we may embark on some of those schemes before the termination of the war. The termination of the war is used in this connection as meaning a time when the price of materials and the cost of labour return to a normal level.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* Is not re-construction after the war ?

Mr. President: Not necessarily. As and when circumstances permit.

11. **Mr. B. M. Peter** *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the Government given any basic plan for the officer in charge for the post-war reconstruction ;

(*b*) if so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the same on the Council Table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. (Please see the answer to Question No. 10 (*b*).

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians):* May I know whether the officer in charge of the department has begun his work ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, he has started work.

ANCHAL PEON MADHAVAN NAYAR—PUNISHMENT OF

12. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Anchal peon Madhavan Nayar attached to the Vadakkancheri Anchal Office has been departmentally punished recently, *i.e.*, in the year 1119 ;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the punishment was and grounds for the punishment ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The anchalman was reduced from Rs. 13 to Rs. 12 for two months for misconduct.

ANCHAL PEONS—PAY OF

13. **Mr. M. Krishna Menon** *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the present pay of Anchal peons ;

(*b*) whether the work of Anchal peons has not increased owing to war conditions ; and

(*c*) whether it is not necessary to increase their pay ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A permanent increase of Re. 1 has been sanctioned this year to all Anchalmen in their pay and the Anchalmen in the towns of Ernakulam, Cochin and Trichur have been sanctioned a war allowance of Re. 1 in addition. All get the usual dearness allowance.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Government are aware of the minimum salary given to the Post Peons ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know the number of Anchal Peons in the State ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The figures are available in the printed Budget.

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